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## Chamber banquet helps citizens "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of Elba"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It was an evening for and about Elba last Thursday, Sept. 25, as community leaders gathered at the Elba Recreation Center for the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The theme for the evening was "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of Elba", and that is exactly what happened with several local food eateries supplying the meal. The featured businesses showcased some of their top menu items for banquet guests to sample and received good reviews and thanks for their involvement.

Those participating in the "Taste of Elba" included Subway, Dairy Queen, Hardee's, Ranch House, Pearl's Deli, Kelly's Bar-B-Que, Kelley Foods of Alabama, Juliette's, Shiloh Country Kitchen, Big Little, Elba Market Place, 20/20 Cafe and Olde South Inn.

Following the meal, guests celebrated Elba's 150 years of existence as local historian Marion Brunson was asked to present a history of Elba. Brunson, who was recently named Elba's Sesquicentennial King, expressed his love for his community time and time again in delivering this history lesson. He spoke of how the city received its current name, Elba's first church - the United Methodist Church, when the Elba schools were established, industry and several other fond memories, but most importantly, he spoke of the strength of the people of Elba.

Brunson said Elba and its people have faced challenge after challenge with flooding

throughout the 150 years, but he said each and every time the people have met these challenges face on and came out on top.

"Tough times don't last, but tough people do," he said.

The emotional remembrance of Elba's history was followed

by recognition of several community leaders and the awards ceremony.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, recognized several individuals who have

donated a great deal of time this year to help plan the events celebrating Elba's Sesquicentennial year. She said the members of the "Celebrate Elba 150" committee have worked hard

throughout the year to plan the already held and future events and should be recognized for their efforts. These individuals were presented a token of appreciation from the Elba Chamber of Commerce. They include: Lynn Baker, Marion Brunson, Rhonda Brunson, Lucia Grantham, Mary McMillan, Patsy Meek, Marsha Oggs, Mark Vaughan, Joan Ward and Jimmy Harrison - chairman of the committee. Whitworth also serves as a member of this committee.

Four annual awards were pre-

sented at the banquet including the Spirit of Elba award, Chamber Board Member of the Year award, Chamber Member of the Year award and Chamber Business of the Year award.

The Spirit of Elba award was created to recognize an individual who works behind the scenes

to help make chamber events a success. Whitworth said the recipient of this award is always willing to help and do whatever is necessary to assure a successful event in promoting the City of Elba. The 2003 Spirit of Elba award was presented to Lucia Grantham.

The Chamber Board Member of the Year award was implemented last year, and Whitworth said

this recognizes a board member who works tirelessly for the chamber in helping it bring events and promotion to Elba.

This year, Herby McCall was named Chamber Board Member of the Year.

The Chamber Member of the Year award was presented this year to a group Whitworth said has really worked hard to help the chamber. She said no matter what she asked of this group or when she asked them to do it, they always responded and got the job done. For this, Whitworth said the Elba City School System has proven itself as the Chamber Member of the Year for 2003.

The Chamber Business of the Year was recognized as the biggest award for the evening.



**CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...**Family owned and operated Moseley's Studios was named 2003 Chamber Business of the Year last Thursday evening, Sept. 25, at the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The business was described by Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, as being top notch and highly professional. The entire Moseley family contributes to the success of Moseley's Studios, and all were present Thursday evening for the award presentation. Kenneth Calhoun (second from right), 2003 president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce board, presented the award to the Moseleys (from left) - Dale, Gloria, Michael and Mark.

and Whitworth named Moseley's Studio as the recipient. As Elba has celebrated its 150th year in 2003, Whitworth said Moseley's Studio has been a huge help to the Chamber of Commerce. She said the change has called upon them, time and time again for assistance, and they always take care of the request with the highest regard for professionalism. Whitworth said the business, which is family owned and operated, not only proves its dedication to the

mentioned professionalism every day, but each and every person involved with the company shows a complete dedication to doing it better every day.

Also introduced at the banquet were the 2004 Elba Chamber of Commerce officers and board members.

The officers will include: Jimmy Harrison, president; Doris Matthews, vice president; Destiny Hudson, second vice president; Denise Sauls, secretary; Mary McMillan,

treasurer; and Kenneth Calhoun, ex-officio.

The board members will be: Sam Cooper, Jerry Kelley, Herby McCall, Mary Gray, Laurie Chapman, Betty Brunson, Tonya Jones, David Stokes and Elba Mayor James Grimes.

Assisting Whitworth at the chamber office with day to day operations are Cammie Kelley, administrative assistant; and Meredith English, clerical assistant.

## \$5 utility check-off fee continues to help Elba Schools

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Recent actions in Montgomery by the Alabama legislature have caused concern in every corner of the state. The bare bone budgets for the fiscal year which began Wednesday, Oct. 1, will cause cut backs in many areas.

Public education takes a large hunk of Alabama's tax monies and probably directly impacts more citizens than any other one state funded program. Schools are taking a hit in this new budget, and educators worrying are joined by friends of education in expressing concern.

During this cut back, it will be schools with strong local support which survive the best. Good administrators without funds simply can't perform miracles. Elba has had a reputation of supporting the local schools, and it is an earned reputation.

One of the newest local support mechanisms is the \$5.00 monthly check-off on Elba utility bills which was started a little over a year ago. The initial monthly income was in excess of \$5,000, but that has dropped

steadily over the ensuing months and took a steep drop the month after the community voted yes on the sale of alcohol with the taxes from this source going to the schools.

The Elba Water and Electric Board writes a check to the school each month for exactly the amount paid in by utility users.

In January of 2003 the utility transferred \$3,800 to the Elba

schools from the \$5.00 check-off. April saw it drop to \$3,180; May was \$3,080; June \$2,990; July \$2,975; August \$2,910 and the latest check was in September and was for only \$2,780.

Even as this monthly amount has dropped to only a little over half the original amount, it still generates over \$30,000 annually to the schools to help educate the children of the community.

## Public Power Week set for Oct. 5-11

The City of Elba will celebrate Public Power Week, Oct. 5-11, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities that provide their citizens electricity services on a not-for-profit basis.

"Electricity makes all of our lives easier, safer and more enjoyable. Public Power Week recognizes Water and Electric Board City of Elba for providing affordable electricity to customers whenever and wherever it's needed," said James E. Grimes, manager of Water and Electric Board City of Elba. "At this time we also honor the dem-

ocratic tradition of community decision-making that led to our founding in February 1948."

He said public power's distinct characteristics help Water and Electric Board City of Elba customers' live become more powerful everyday while they are working, playing or enjoying the comforts of home.

"Water and Electric Board City of Elba is driven by public service not profit," Grimes said. "We exist to serve our fellow citizens by saving them time and money and by protecting their homes and environment so all community members can enjoy life with family and friends."

Public Power Week is celebrated in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA) in Washington, D.C.

## Area Happenings

**THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 3, as the Elba Tigers travel to Florence to take on T.R. Miller, the New Brackton Gamecocks host Geneva County; the Klanton Bulldogs host the Zion Chapel Rebels; and the Brantley Bulldogs host Arthon.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** has postponed its October regular meeting. A special meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. in the board of education office, Elba.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Coffee County Expo Center. For more information, call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-694-9777 or Charles Jester at 334-694-7724.

**THE TOWN OF NEW BRACKTON** will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the New Brackton Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will continue throughout the day, and it should be fun for the entire family.

## Elba levee rehab project brings more road closures

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Traffic detours have become a common trend in Elba these days with the work continuing on the levee rehabilitation project, and city officials released a list this week of more road closure yet to come.

As of Friday, Sept. 26, the expected road closure list for the City of Elba either currently effects or will effect seven different spots within the project area.

The roads with sections currently closed for levee rehab work include Martin Luther King Drive which is expected to be closed until Tuesday, Oct. 7; Caroline Street which will remain closed until Friday, Oct. 31; and the Troy Highway in which the anticipated reopening of this section will be mid-November 2003

The next closure will be the Highway 84 West bridge. This section will be closed from Friday, Oct. 3, until Monday, Oct. 6, for levee work.

A section of Jackson Street will close Tuesday, Oct. 7, and remain closed until Friday, Nov. 7, while Reese Avenue will close the same day (Tuesday, Oct. 7) and remain closed until Friday, Nov. 28.

The only other anticipated road closure at this time involves the Highway 84 East bridge; however, this closure will not come until mid-January 2004. At that time, one lane of traffic will

be closed for a two-week period. Another one-lane closure is expected for the bridge in early February 2004 for a three day period. Finally, complete closure of the bridge for up to eight hours will take place sometime at the end of February 2004.

Motorists traveling in and around the Elba area are encouraged to take note of these closures.

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Road closed signs have become a common site in Elba with the levee rehabilitation project.

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**GRAND OPENING FOR LOCAL B&B...**Owners of The Olde South Inn invited citizens of Elba to a grand opening celebration for the new bed and breakfast last Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28, and city representatives were on hand to make the opening official with a ribbon cutting ceremony. During the opening celebration, owners Jimmy Harrison and Dorothy Vaughan entertained guests with tours of the bed and breakfast facility while treating them to an array of refreshments. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Mary Sue Kelley, Life, Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Sam Cooper, Future Little Miss Elba Annley Padgett, Mary McMillan, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Dorothy Vaughan - owner, Lena Fuller, Jimmy Harrison - owner, Doris Matthews, Miss Elba Anna Anderson and Herby McCall.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

We have become hooked on reading the high school football records set each Friday night in Alabama. Just imagine the swelled heads of family members as these youngsters do good. Especially interesting is of course area children. This past week was no exception when Chad Bedsole of Kinston intercepted two passes, recovered a fumble and recorded seven tackles in the school's first win over Samson 20-0 in 11 years. Also Marcel Stamps of Brantley recorded 14 tackles in a 35-6 win over Highland Home.

Now Alabama voters are going to see some cuts in government services. Many of these will hurt deeply. Other cuts will probably be hardly noticed by but a few, yet cuts there will be real unless state tax revenues suddenly do a miracle turn around. Already it is hard to pick up a daily newspaper without reading quotes from someone who "ox is being gored" and they feel this or that particular program should not have been cut at all. Actually some of these questionable programs have gotten the funds for ... well more than one year, and now feel it their God given right to keep getting the tax money. Again, this isn't talking about all those great programs we personally think are wise spending of taxpayers' money? Alabama needs to get those back to full funding ASAP!

There is a story on the front page this week listing a number of closed roads around Elba. In fact it is almost a challenge to get around with all the construction work going on in the community. That is a problem most any community would like to experience once in a while. With these closings, it will be basically a matter of going up the Brantley highway (by our house) and getting on the bypass to go most anywhere that entails crossing the levee. That will put an unusually large number of vehicles on the bypass (with the added equipment for the various construction projects) and we urge our readers to be the careful drivers. Weeds are bad under any circumstances, but much worse when it is our friends involved.

Surprises come when least expected and that is exactly what makes them surprises. At the Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday we got one of those surprises when Buck came out and started singing. His wig and other disguise items might have changed his looks but his voice was, well it was the same Buck who we often deal with at the various Big Little Stores. Hey, this guy can sing! That is another case of us seeing someone short simply because of their hidden abilities being ... well hidden.

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Weekend extravaganza planned  
to conclude Elba's 150 celebration

The celebration of Elba's 150 years reaches its climax in less than one month as the final events will be held during a weekend extravaganza.

It's hard to believe the year of events will end soon, but "Celebrate Elba 150" committee members assure the best is yet to come.

This full weekend of fulfilled events will begin Friday, Oct. 10, as citizens are reminded to wear their "Celebrate Elba 150" t-shirts for the all day t-shirt day. Activities begin early Friday morning when the First Baptist Church plays host at a Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Next, the business industry of Elba will be recognized through a Business and Merchants Appreciation Expo on the downtown square from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event will allow local businesses to exhibit their goods and services for the community. It also allows the community to meet those who serve them while learning a bit more about what is available in this area.

Saturday, Oct. 11, is probably the most anticipated event of the year as a festival and parade will be held.

Entertainment, crafters and much more will fill the streets of downtown Elba leading up to a special ceremony at Noon.

This ceremony will consist, in part, of recognizing those individuals or family members of individuals who have made significant contributions to the City of Elba either through business

and commerce or by acting as ambassadors for the city.

The festival will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a huge Sesquicentennial parade, and anyone interested in participating is asked to call Jimmy Harrison at 897-8591 for an application.

Elba native and published author Bob Inman will serve as the master of ceremony for the Noon program, as well as, serve as grand marshal of the Sesquicentennial parade.

The grand finale of the year-long celebration will come Sunday, Oct. 12, with a Sesquicentennial Reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Punam Street, a community-wide church service and The History of Elba play, both at the Elba High School auditorium. The reception will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the chamber office while the community-wide church service and play will begin at 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The play, which has been written and will be performed by Elba City School students, will immediately follow the church service.

"Celebrate Elba 150" has been dedicated to honoring those who love the city deeply, and the final weekend of events should be an exciting time for one and all. Therefore, anyone with ties to the City of Elba should make plans now to join in this celebration and help honor the 150 years of history, tradition and excellence Elba and its citizens have created.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 22, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, three for domestic violence, four for theft of property, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, four for criminal mischief, one reckless driving, one unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one assault, one impersonating a peace officer and one breaking and entering.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for failure to appear and one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for not wearing a seat belt, one for an open container, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, five for speeding, two for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for reckless driving and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, SEPT. 22 - River stage - 4:44 feet (6:38 a.m.). Minor wreck reported on Hwy. 84 East (12:02 p.m.). Alarm activated at 1578 Caroline St. (4:39 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 1109 Neil Grantham Dr. (11:09 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 - River stage - 8:48 feet (6:20 a.m.). Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24 - Alarm activated at 1833 Hickman Ave. (4:05 a.m.). River stage - 8:68 feet (6:11 a.m.). Routine activity.

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 12:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New-Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BROTHERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 9:15 a.m. & 12:30 - 4:30 New-Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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## Special Edition of The Elba Clipper

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This special issue will look at today and yesterday in Elba, and we still need your help...If you have any pictures or memories from yesteryear, please drop by the office and share them with us. Photographs and antique documents will be copied and returned!

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## NSIC announces promotions

National Security Insurance NSIC, a native of Company (NSIC) Vice-Monroe, Georgia, is a graduate of Troy State University. While at Troy State, Julie was a member of the Lady Trojans golf team. In September 2001, Julie began work at National Security as a Business Analyst. When the decision was made to implement a new enterprise administration system (Future First) for NSIC in October 2001, Julie was assigned to assist with that project.

As an Administrative Assistant, Julie will be involved in training employees, conducting procedural evaluations and performing administrative functions relating to future first.

Julie and her husband Jason live in Elba and attend the Elba Church of Christ.

Julie Holley has been named an Administrative Assistant for Promotions for two NSFC employees.

Jack E. Brunson, President of National Security Fire and Casualty Company (NSFC), has named Bob Glover Vice President of NSFC and Tim Wilson has been promoted to the position of Marketing Manager for the Company.

Bob Glover is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He has 32 years of experience in the insurance industry and has received several professional designations and honors.

Tim Wilson is a graduate of Troy State University. Dothan, Tim is responsible for the coordination of NSFC's marketing efforts as well as agency appointments.

Tim and his wife, Lisa live in Kinston with their two children, Tiffany and Tyler. The Bobs are responsible for product development and rate filings for the Church in Kinston.

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## It Happened This Week!

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Fast Fact

An Apalachicola resident, Dr. John Gorrie, was the father of modern refrigeration and air conditioning. Born in 1803, he moved to Apalachicola in 1833. In 1841, an epidemic of yellow fever hit the town. Noticing that the disease was worse in hot weather, he began searching for a way to cool the air for his patients. In 1851, he received the first American patent for mechanical refrigeration. Find out more about John Gorrie at: <http://ap20.ashrae.org/ABOUT/gorrie.htm>

Fast Fact

Part of A Science Odyssey developed by PBS, this tells the story of the discovery and development of penicillin. A link to Doctor Over Time is included. This animated resource shows how doctors treated patients with identical symptoms at different points in the twentieth century.

Web Address: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/dm28pe.html>

History of Antibiotics

Developed as part of a class project by six senior microbiology students at Princeton University, this resource gives an overview of antibiotics. It includes the history of antibiotics, and reviews some of the current concerns expressed by scientists. Web Address: <http://www.molbio.princeton.edu/courses/>

mb427/2001/projects/02/antibiotics.htm

Nobel E-Museum

Sir Alexander Fleming, Howard Florey, and Ernest Chain were awarded the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine for their work on penicillin. The Institute's online museum offers biographies of the winners, as well as an educational section about the early research. Web Address: <http://www.nobel.se/medicine/laureates/1945/>

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## Obituaries

## JOAN PADGETT JACOBS

Mrs. Joan Padgett Jacobs, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Sept. 24, 2003 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Mrs. Jacobs was a life long resident of Elba and a member of the Elba First Baptist Church.

Funeral service were held Sept. 26, 2003 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Roger Miller and Rev. Mark Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Cindy and Mike Carley, Elba; two sons and daughters-in-law: David and Denise Jacobs, Union Grove, Ala.; Mark and Brenda Jacobs, Dothan, Ala.; two brothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Jacobs, a brother, James J. Padgett, and a sister, Dorothy Aldrich.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2003 at Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. Walter

## LEOLA H. HARRELSON

Mrs. Leola H. Harrelson, age 82, of Troy, Ala., died Sept. 27, 2003 at Pike Manor Health Care Center in Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2003 at Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. Walter

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law: Billy (Emily) Harrelson, Prattville,

Ala.; Tommy Harrelson, Montgomery, Ala.; two daughters and a son-in-law: Mildred Nelson, Troy, Ala.; Polly (Dale) Robertson, Jack, Ala.; a daughter-in-law: Lena Harrelson, Troy, Ala.; one sister, Maudie Campbell, Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers, Fletcher Hodge, Elba, Ala.; Leavie Hodge, Doerlyville, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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## Dr. Fleming's Accident

The September 1929 edition of the *British Journal of Experimental Pathology* published an article by a bacteriologist from London's St. Mary's Hospital. It described a mold spore that appeared to kill bacteria. The author, Alec Fleming, had no idea he had stumbled upon one of the most important medical discoveries of the twentieth century.

At the time, bacterial infections and diseases were a leading cause of death around the world. Antibiotics didn't exist, and an infected cut could kill a person just as easily as diseases like scarlet fever, and tuberculosis.

Dr. Fleming's discovery had been a fortunate accident. While away on a two-week holiday, he had left an open dish of bacteria in his lab. During his absence, a mold spore had blown in through an open window and contaminated the dish. When he returned, bacteria seemed to be dying, except for a halo like area around the mold.

How had the mold killed the bacteria? He didn't know.

Fleming called the mold penicillin. Other researchers tried to reproduce his results, but failed. For three years, Fleming tried to purify and produce penicillin, but was unsuccessful. Reluctantly, he abandoned his research, and it appeared penicillin was lost.

Seven years later, two researchers named Howard Florey and Ernest Chain decided to resume Fleming's research. Working at Oxford University, they had the resources to assemble a team of scientists that focused on the problems Fleming had been unable to overcome on his own.

Within a year, they succeeded. The researchers then gave the miracle of penicillin to the world by publishing their results in the scientific journal, *The Lancet*. Instantly, the race to produce this lifesaving wonder drug was on, and small production facilities were set up across Britain. However, it was now 1941 and with World War II, Britain had no resources to allow for large-scale production.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Howard Florey arranged for penicillin to be mass-produced in Peoria, Illinois. Thanks to this joint British-American effort, millions of World War II soldiers owed their lives to penicillin, and deaths from infections and diseases began plummeting around the world. In recognition of their accomplishment, the King of England knighted Fleming and Florey, while the three researchers shared the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

By 2000, the medical revolution started by a summer breeze in London seventy-two years earlier had reduced the death toll from bacterial infections and diseases in the United States to five per cent of what it had been in 1900. Want to find out more about Sir Alexander Fleming, and the development of antibiotics? Take The Web Journey.







## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

There is a long standing rule at the Mularz house that whoever takes clothes out of the dryer is supposed to fold them or hang them up. That works pretty well whenever Mom or Dad heads to the wash room, but for some reason the girls seem to think the living room couch is close enough to count and that is where any clothes but theirs end up. Over the weekend I just scooped up all the clothes on the couch, took them back to the washing machine and started the process all over again. The only problem was that I spent most of the day Saturday at youth football games, and when I made it home those same clothes were right back where I picked them up earlier that day. Oh well, rules are nice to have, anyway!

## ELBA TIGERS REMAIN WINLESS WITH BIG ROAD LOSS

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 0-5 Friday night after a 30-14 loss to the Luverne Tigers. In Luverne, Luverne received the opening kick and covered 69 yards in only three plays to grab an early lead, then added three touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter to blow the game open. Elba did fight in the second half and scored two late touchdowns of their own to make the final score respectable, but the story line Friday night was much the same as it has been all season long as the Tigers gave up big plays through the air and then had to try to play catch up. In Elba's five losses the defense has allowed a total of 16 touchdowns on plays of 20 yards or more, with six scoring plays on the ground and ten coming through the air. Included in the category of big plays were plays of 51, 71 and 75 yards, while in the air the touchdowns included plays of 55 and 83 yards. Another statistic that has arrived in the past two weeks has been allowing touchdowns late in the half. Pike County had a 55-yard touchdown pass with :27 left in the half, while Luverne scored on a 21-yard pass with just :40 left until halftime. While it is true the Elba defense plays hard and knows how to hit, it is also true that the reason it is allowing over 30 points a game is that it gives up far too many big plays. I know the Tigers have a lot of young and inexperienced players that are having to learn in the heat of the battle, but after five games and five losses even the youngest of players should have learned something.

## A GOOD WEEK FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

The fifth week of the season gave the area teams the chance to compete outside their region and the off week proved to be kind to three of the four teams in the coverage area as for the first time this season the teams managed three wins. Here's a quick look back....

\*\*\* **NEW BROCKTON (3-2)** - The Gamecocks were expected to have a tough time with vastly-improved Florala, but jumped ahead early and made it look easy with a 34-7 romp past the Wildcats. New Brockton had two touchdowns through the air that helped loosen up the Florala defense, and there is no doubt the Gamecocks have the backs that can run up and down the field. With solid, tough region games on the horizon, the win was just what the doctor ordered.

\*\*\* **KINSTON (1-3)** - The Bulldogs got their first win of the season and ended an 11-year victory drought to the Samson Tigers at the same time as Kinston posted a big 24-14 upset win. Kinston had come close in a couple of games earlier in the season and last week lost in overtime. So, maybe it was just time for a few breaks to go the Bulldogs' way and now Kinston can settle in and grab a few wins as the season heads down the home stretch.

\*\*\* **BRANTLEY (5-0)** - The Bulldogs scored all 35 points in the second quarter as they rolled past Highland Home 35-6. Brantley struggled to a 3-2 start last season and then caught fire late to make the playoffs, but this season the Bulldogs have been going strong since the opening game and may be even better than many thought they would be. If the Bulldogs can stay focused and keep improving they may make a run once the post-season party begins.

\*\*\* **ZION CHAPEL (0-5)** - The Rebels fell behind 42-7 by the end of the half and saw a late rally fall short in a 42-27 loss to G.W. Long. Zion Chapel has surrendered points in bunches throughout the season and last week was no different as its fell behind big early and never really came close. Until the Rebels can keep their opponents from lighting up the scoreboard the wins will be hard to find.

## WEEK #5 OF PREP FOOTBALL SEASON IN THE BOOKS

The fifth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was a week that many teams would like to forget as some of the state's smaller teams pulled off a couple of huge upsets. Here is a look back....

\*\*\* **4A Wintupka** saw its undefeated start come to an abrupt end when 1A Autaugaugh upset the Indians 24-20. The upstart Eagles are always a small school power and often make noise in the playoffs, but Friday night they made plenty of noise during the regular season and made a statement for any other 1A opponents that may be left on the schedule.

\*\*\* **4A Tallahassee** has long been a team to watch in all sports, but last week the Tigers made the headlines for all the wrong reasons as they were upset by 1A Reelfoot 16-13. Reelfoot has won some state titles over the years and is always a team to beat in the small school ranks. However, last week the Rebels also showed that they could compete with the big boys.

\*\*\* **Northview** scored first to grab a 6-0 lead, but it didn't hold up for long as the Cougars saw their losing streak reach 18 games with a 38-14 setback to Charles Henderson. Coach Leavy Boutwell did get his troops back on track following its 63-0 loss the week before, but there is still a lot of work left for Coach Boutwell and his staff before Northview will regain its place as a winning 6A program.

\*\*\* **Dothan** did get in the win column for the first time this season by edging past Lanier 13-12. The Tigers have also found the wins hard to come by in recent years and had struggled early on this season; however, the win over the Peets should give the Tigers a much needed shot of confidence and may be the start of better days ahead.

\*\*\* **Eufaula** moved to 5-0 on the season, but needed all its 41 points to outscore Smiths Station 41-34. The talented Tigers of

Shayne Warden won't scare anyone when they hit the field for warm-ups, but they will scare a lot of folks after they hit 'ya in the game, and are a true 5A contender this season.

\*\*\* **Geneva** dropped its first game of the season in a 14-8 loss to Hillcrest, but the slim road loss to a very good 5A opponent should make the Panthers better, and this may be a case where a loss hurts only on the ledger. The Panthers are still a solid 4A squad and may be one of the biggest surprises of the season.

\*\*\* **Pike County** broke open a close game in the second half and rolled past Montgomery Academy 34-14. The Bulldogs were eliminated from the playoffs by the Eagles last season and had been looking forward to the rematch ever since. Now that it is over, there are still some big hurdles ahead for Pike County to clear on its way to a possible state title.

\*\*\* **Enterprise** lost to Prattville 24-3 to fall to 3-2 on the season, but even in the loss it was easy to see that the Wildcats are very close to being a solid 6A contender. The Wildcats are very young in spots and not as big as many of its 6A opponents. However, Coach Hand has instilled a lot of pride back into the program and one has to believe that it won't be long before the 'Cats are back on top.

\*\*\* **Straughn** rallied from a 19-7 deficit in the final five minutes of the game to shock Opp 22-19. The Tigers returned a fumble for a touchdown to get back in the game, then scored late after the Bobcats gambled and lost on a fourth down and two play at Opp's own 42-yardline. Straughn may have scored even if the Bobcats had punted the ball away with only two minutes left on the clock, but I bet you will never convince the Opp fans. Hey, the coaches rolled the dice and it turned out craps.

\*\*\* **T.R. Miller** toyed with Andalusia early and then pulled away to post a big 43-22 win. The Tigers have one of the state's top offensive teams and don't seem to mind if their opponents score some meaningless points once the outcome has been decided. While the scores aren't always all that impressive, one thing that is always a certain is that T.R. Miller will come out on top.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* Did you know that it was still baseball season? Yep, the Major League playoffs got underway this week and if I ever get home long enough to sit down maybe I will watch the Braves blow another one. Atlanta had a banner season and has basically the same players back for another run at a title, but these are also the same guys that can never seem to get the job done when it counts the most. My picks for the World Series...who cares!

\*\*\* I didn't watch the Alabama-Arkansas game, but can't believe that the Crimson Tide blew a 31-10 second half lead and then lost in overtime. It was the Tide's second straight home loss under new coach Mike Shula, and you know that changes in the coaching staff are already being considered. I believe that Alabama has enough short when it comes to coaching. At least it might make the off-season more enjoyable.

\*\*\* **Troy State** added another big win to its 1A belt with a big 33-24 win over Marshall. The Trojans had never won against the Thundering Herd from West Virginia, but Saturday night was their night and after the game even the players helped tear down the goal posts. The Trojans will never be big winners against the best of the 1A ranks, but will get a few big wins every now and then, like they did Saturday night.

\*\*\* In closing...I listened to the Paul Finebaum radio show one afternoon last week and it was easy to tell that he has no feelings at all for former Auburn coach Terry Bowden. Finebaum calls the ex-Auburn coach "Tater Tot" in a reference to his lack of height, and brought back up Bowden's alleged problems of years ago involving some members of the Tigertettes and the family maid. I am not about to get involved in the feud, but if Bowden ever breaks down on the side of the road he better watch out for Finebaum.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early Sunday afternoon and was still shaking his head over Alabama's loss to Arkansas. The local guesspest is a long time Alabama fan and a big supporter of Mike Shula, but even he couldn't think of many good things to say

## Varsity and JV post wins

## Elba wins two of three matches over Gamecocks

The Elba Tigers traveled to New Brockton High School last Tuesday afternoon for three exciting volleyball matches and brought home two big wins over their cross-county rivals.

## JUNIOR TIGERS

The day's matches began with the Junior Tigers taking on the Gamecocks, with New Brockton taking the win 20-25 and 23-25. Ashley Carpenter led Elba with 12 service points, followed by Whitney Lawford with 7.

"We didn't take home the win in the junior high match," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades, "but we did play well and this team has really shown progress since the beginning of the season."

## JUNIOR VARSITY TIGERS

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers were next to take the

court and the Tigers improved their record to 6-1 with a 25-13, 27-25 win over the Gamecocks. Melanie Mularz led Elba with 15 service points, while Tambara Oliver added 8.

"The second game of the match was very tight," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades, "but the Tigers proved they could make it happen when they had to. Melanie Mularz was very consistent with her serves and recorded seven straight service points in the second game to bring the team back and post the win. The junior varsity squad improved their record to 6-1 with the win and these girls like to win and are improving every game."

## VARSITY TIGERS

The Elba Tigers closed out the afternoon's matches and turned in an outstanding performance by defeating the Gamecocks 25-17, 25-21, 22-25 and 25-12, to up their record to 8-4. Lyndsay Lawford recorded 17 service points to lead Elba, while Yolanda Reynolds added 13 and Whitney Lawford had 10. Ashleigh Waddall and Whitney Lawford both had 1 block, while Yolanda Reynolds recorded 4 digs and Waddall and Reynolds had 10 kills apiece.

"It is always interesting and exciting to play New Brockton," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, "We played full speed at times and slow speed at others, but were very proud to get the win. We have a young team this season, but the girls are definitely headed in a positive direction. I am very excited each time these girls take the court because of the improvement that I see. We must continue to work hard and long at practice to keep our win total going up each week."

after the double-overtime loss. The fact he hit on 26 of 29 picks last week and moved his yearly totals to 131-17 did bring a small smile to his face, but after a few minutes he just handed me this week's picks and headed out the door, still mumbling. Oh well, here are this week's high school football predictions....

## ELBA VS. T.R. MILLER

The Pea River felines will still be looking for their first win of the season Friday night when they cross Murder Creek to tangle with those big kitties from over in Brewton. While it may be true that it isn't always the size of the dog, er, kitty, in the fight, this week the felines from Coffee County may be good to simply escape with any fur left at all.

## T.R. MILLER 38 ELBA 12

## NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks flew back into their pen last week without losing a single feather after a big win down by the state line and this week will have the home pen advantage when they host a bus load of Bulldogs from down the road. With a playoff berth possibly on the line look for the Gamecocks to jump on the "Dogs early and dig in for the ride.

## NEW BROCKTON 27 GENEVA COUNTY 8

## KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Bulldogs from down the highway brought home a big road win last week and now have to get ready for an invasion of Rebels from the north part of the county. Those Rebels are hungry for a win and could be onery when they hit the town limits, but the Rebels here is that the "Dogs will chase'em right back up the road and won't even throw'em so much as a bone."

## KINSTON 27 ZION CHAPEL 6

## BRANTLEY VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs from across the creek can all but wrap up another region title with a win this week. However, there has been some reports about some purple looking 'Cats from over in Dale County headed toward the county line and word is they too want to lay claim to the title. Let's see, does black and blue combine to make purple?

## BRANTLEY 34 ARITON 6

## OTHER PICKS:

Cottonwood 22 Houston County 20  
Florala 16 Pleasant Home 15  
Flomaton 28 Bayside 10  
Luverne 29 Billingsley 27  
Lerov 16 Georgiana 12  
Highland Home 60 R.C. Hatch 0  
Houston Academy 17 Red Level 7  
Slocomb 35 G.W. Long 7  
Samson 20 Wicksburg 18

Alabama Christian 28 Abbeville 15  
Montgomery Academy 31 Barbour County 0  
Pike County 75 Calhoun 0  
Clark County 16 W.S. Neal 14  
Straughn 41 Central 13  
Andalusia 27 Jackson 13  
Ashford 34 Dale County 0  
Rehobeth 28 Bullock County 8  
Daleville 17 Geneva 16  
Opp 36 Headland 16  
UMS-Wright 24 Hillcrest 7  
Thomasville 55 Monroe County 12  
Carroll 20 Wilcox Central 8  
Eufaula 39 Escambia County 7  
Greenville 22 Russell County 6  
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Enterprise 24 Samson 17  
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penalty backed Elba up to the Luverne 44, Kimmy Hill broke loose around the left end and rambled 24 yards to give Elba another first down, this time at the Luverne 20-yardline. A holding penalty backed Elba all the way out to the Luverne 39, but the Tigers once again answered the challenge and appeared to reach the Luverne 4 when Brandon Wilson dropped back and connected with Kirby Gray for a 35-yard pass completion. The long pass play was wiped out by yet another penalty against Elba, and after the walk-off the Tigers were left facing a second down and 34 at the Luverne 44-yardline. Two plays later Elba was forced to punt, as the scoring threat died under a sea of yellow penalty flags!

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Elba's Yolanda Reynolds (22) goes high for a kill during a recent Tiger win. The Tigers claimed their eighth win of the season with a four set win over New Brockton. (Photos by John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

## SPORTS



Elba's Derrick Thomas (60) makes a block on a Luverne defender as Kikko Logan (2) heads out for a pass. The Tigers will travel to Brewton Friday night to battle the undefeated T.R. Miller Tigers in a region clash.

## Fourth quarter rally falls far short as Elba Tigers are outscored by Luverne 30-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

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Elba Tiger wide-receiver Joseph Platt (9) dives for a pass that is just beyond his finger tips. The Tigers saw their record slip to 0-5 last week with a 30-14 loss to Luverne, in a non-region contest, in Luverne.

the quick scoring drive, while the score came when Brown and Wood hooked up again; this time from 21 yards out. The extra-point attempt again failed, but it made little difference as Luverne owned a 24-0 lead with only 40 left in the second quarter.

Elba appeared to finally get a break early in the third quarter when the Tigers broke through to block a Luverne punt. However, the ball bounced across the line of scrimmage and after touching an Elba player was recovered by a Luverne lineman, to give possession back to Luverne.

Elba's luck went from bad to worse on its next possession, as on fourth down at the Elba 20-yardline the snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the Elba punter and was recovered in the endzone for a Luverne touchdown. Luverne failed once again to tack on the extra-point, but with 2:51 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers from Crenshaw County were in complete command with a big 30-0 advantage.

Elba lost a fumble on its next possession to set Luverne up just across midfield, and Luverne moved quickly to a first down at the Elba 26-yardline after a 23-yard pass completion from Brown to Wood. This time the penalty flags went against Luverne; however, three penalties for 25 yards backed Luverne up and Elba took over on downs with the ball back at its own 26-yardline.

The Elba offense came to life on its ensuing possession and marched 74 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. A 31-yard pass from Brandon Wilson to Kirby Gray on first down got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while a 12-yard gain by Stefaun Burks and two runs for 21 yards by Wilson helped the Tigers move to a fourth down and one at the Luverne 9-yardline. Kikko Logan bulled for two yards on the fourth down play to keep the drive alive, and one play later Marchello Reed scored on a 7-yard run. Brandon Wilson ran in the two-point conversion, with 2:30 left in the

game the Tigers were on the scoreboard, but trailing 30-8. Elba's Adam Spicer recovered a Luverne fumble at the Luverne 47-yardline on the first snap following the ensuing kickoff, and the Tigers needed only three plays to cover the yardage into the endzone. A 34-yard pass from Brandon Wilson to Kirby Gray was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came when Wilson connected with Gray on a fade route in the corner of the endzone from 13 yards out. A two-point run failed, and when the clock reached :00 less than two minutes later Luverne had the win 30-14.

Brandon Wilson gained 41 yards on 4 carries and completed 9 passes for 154 yards to lead the Elba offense, while Kimmy Hill added 36 yards rushing on 12 carries and Marchello Reed gained 29 yards on 5 carries and scored 1 touchdown. Kirby Gray pulled in 6 passes for 120 yards and 1 touchdown.

Jessie Dixon gained 67 yards on 11 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Luverne, while Fred Hawkins gained 52 yards on 12 carries and also scored 1 touchdown. William Wood pulled in 5 catches for 108 yards and 2 touchdowns.

"There will be no rest for the weary Friday night as the Elba Tigers make the long trip down to Brewton to battle the undefeated and defending state champion T.R. Miller Tigers. Elba will carry an 0-5 record into the region clash, while T.R. Miller will enter the game with a 5-0 record.

"There is no question that T.R. Miller has one of the top football programs in the state regardless of classification," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and it will be a tremendous challenge for our young men to travel down to Brewton and compete against the defending state champions in Class 3A. Last season everyone said that T.R. Miller was a year away from having one of its best teams ever and all it did was go out and win another state championship. Well, this is the year they have been talking about, and Friday night they will bring a perfect record and a number one ranking into the game. You compete in sports to play the best and see how you compare, and we will get that opportunity this week because there is no doubt T.R. Miller is at the top of the class in Class 3A."

The Tigers of Coach Jamie Riggs are off to a 5-0 start after posting 11 wins over Escambia County 44-24, Straughn 35-14, Clarke County 23-6, Calhoun 63-8 and Andalusia 43-22.

"On offense they don't do anything fancy," stated Waters, "but everything they do they do well. They have good size in the line and are very well coached, and have big play people both in the backfield and at receiver. The player that has received the most attention on offense is tight-end Trent Davidson, a 6-5, 245-pound senior that runs a 4.6 forty. However, while the other players may not get the ink, everyone that takes the field is very talented and T.R. Miller gets the most out of every player on its roster. On defense they play smart and are very aggressive. They have given up some points at times this season, but it is because they try to use a two platoon system to get as many people in the game as possible and may have their better players on the offensive side of the ball. They tackle well and react to whatever the offense does, and there are no weaknesses on either side of the ball."

"If we are going to be successful Friday night we have to play smart and be aggressive at the same time," added Coach Waters, "On offense we need to continue our success in the air that we had late in the game against Luverne, and be able to put together some long drives to keep their offense off the field. We will need to block well up front and establish our running game if we hope to maintain drives, but we also will have to mix up the play calling and keep them honest by putting the ball in the air. Our defense has got to do a better job in the secondary, and there is no doubt T.R. Miller has seen the films and knows that our opponents have had a lot of success throwing the football. We will have to be physical up front, and not get blown off the line of scrimmage, and will have to tackle well. If we can prevent giving up the big play and make T.R. Miller snap the ball a dozen times on a possession there is a chance we could get a break or a turnover. We just have to play hard and not allow the big play for a touchdown."

"We haven't won a game and T.R. Miller hasn't lost a game," added Coach Waters, "but when they kick it off Friday night that will mean nothing because the scoreboard will read 0-0. Our young team has played hard all season and I believe we will play hard Friday night in Brewton. It will be our job as coaches to get the players ready and give them a plan that will give us a chance to win the game. We will do our best to do just that, and I think the players will hit the field and not back down from the challenge. The players know about T.R. Miller and know about their winning tradition. That is where we want our program to go, and Friday night we will get a chance to take a step toward that goal. It certainly won't be easy, but we will show up and will play hard and play to win."

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Yuliana Vega (in white) returns a serve in Elba JV volleyball action. (Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)



## SPORTS

## Kinston Bulldogs stun Samson 24-14 to snap long losing streak to 2A Tigers

Story by Scott Johnson

The last time the Kinston Bulldogs defeated the Samson Tigers in football the current Kinston seniors watched from the bleachers as first-graders. Friday night the winless Tigers were hungry for a victory and were fired up by a week of homecoming festivities. Who believed Kinston could win? Head Coach Gary Glass and his Bulldogs believed, and after the game so did everyone in attendance as Kinston surprised Samson 24-14.

Samson received the opening kick, but didn't keep the football for very long as the Bulldog defense set the tone from the beginning by allowing the Tigers only two yards rushing on the opening series of the night.

Kinston began its first possession at its own 22-yardline following a Samson punt and quickly moved across midfield on rushes by Cole Meeks and Jerome Ball. A holding penalty backed the Bulldogs up to their own 47-yardline, but facing a first down and twenty, quarterback Garrett Parker faked a handoff up the middle, sprinted out to his left and spotted Jeremy Driver open downfield. With blockers providing an escort, the big tight-end found his way to the endzone for a 53-yard touchdown pass play. The Bulldogs caught Samson off guard on the extra-point try as holder Shawn Brantley pulled the ball up and found Garrett Parker open for a two-point pass, and with only four minutes gone into the game Kinston was on top 8-0.

Samson's offense showed signs of life on its ensuing possession, and behind the hard running of Raymond Laster moved out to near midfield. The drive came to an abrupt halt; however, when Kinston's Chad Bedsale intercepted a Tiger pass at the Kinston 31-yardline.

The Bulldogs' Garrett Parker and Cole Meeks both ran for first downs as Kinston headed back down the field, but a penalty for an illegal block slowed the drive, and eventually forced a Bulldog punt.

Samson put the ball in play at its own 31 after the punt and kept the ball on the ground as the Tigers moved deep into

Bulldog territory. Raymond Laster carried the ball six times during the long drive and helped the Tigers move to a first down just outside the Kinston 20-yardline. The Bulldog defense was determined to protect the slim Kinston lead, and after a short gain on first down Jeremy Driver and Joseph McCrummen dropped Laster for losses on consecutive plays. A fourth down pass felt incomplete to end the scoring threat, and as the second quarter got underway the Bulldogs held an eight point lead and the football.

Beginning on the Kinston 25, the Bulldogs used the legs of Jerome Ball and Cole Meeks to move the ball across midfield. Facing a third down and five from the Samson 45, Garrett Parker again fooled the Samson defenders with a good fake of an inside handoff. This time Parker kept the ball and raced around the left end, pulled free from a would-be tackler at the line of scrimmage and raced 45 yards for a touchdown. Jeremy Driver added the extra-point and Kinston was on top 15-0.

Neither team could mount a scoring threat on its next offensive possession, but the Bulldogs did back the Tigers up when J.T. Wiggins hustled down the field on a Kinston punt and downed the ball just inside the 10-yardline. Samson failed to connect on a first down pass and then tried to return to the air on second down, only to see Jeremy Driver, J.T. Wiggins and Jason Coon combine to sack Samson's quarterback Brock Barnes in the endzone for a safety. The safety brought the Bulldog fans back to their feet and with 3:41 left in the half Kinston was in command with a 17-0 lead.

Kinston's Chase Williams returned a short Samson punt to the Samson 39-yardline late in the half, but after suffering a loss on first down the Bulldogs found themselves facing a second and sixteen. Garrett Parker dropped off a short pass to Shawn Brantley on the second down play, and the shifty Bulldog receiver used a spin move to avoid the initial defender and then raced untouched down the right sidelines 45 yards for a Kinston touchdown. Jeremy Driver kicked the extra-point, and it was the Bulldogs

and their fans that were enjoying the homecoming celebration as Kinston's lead was up to 24-0.

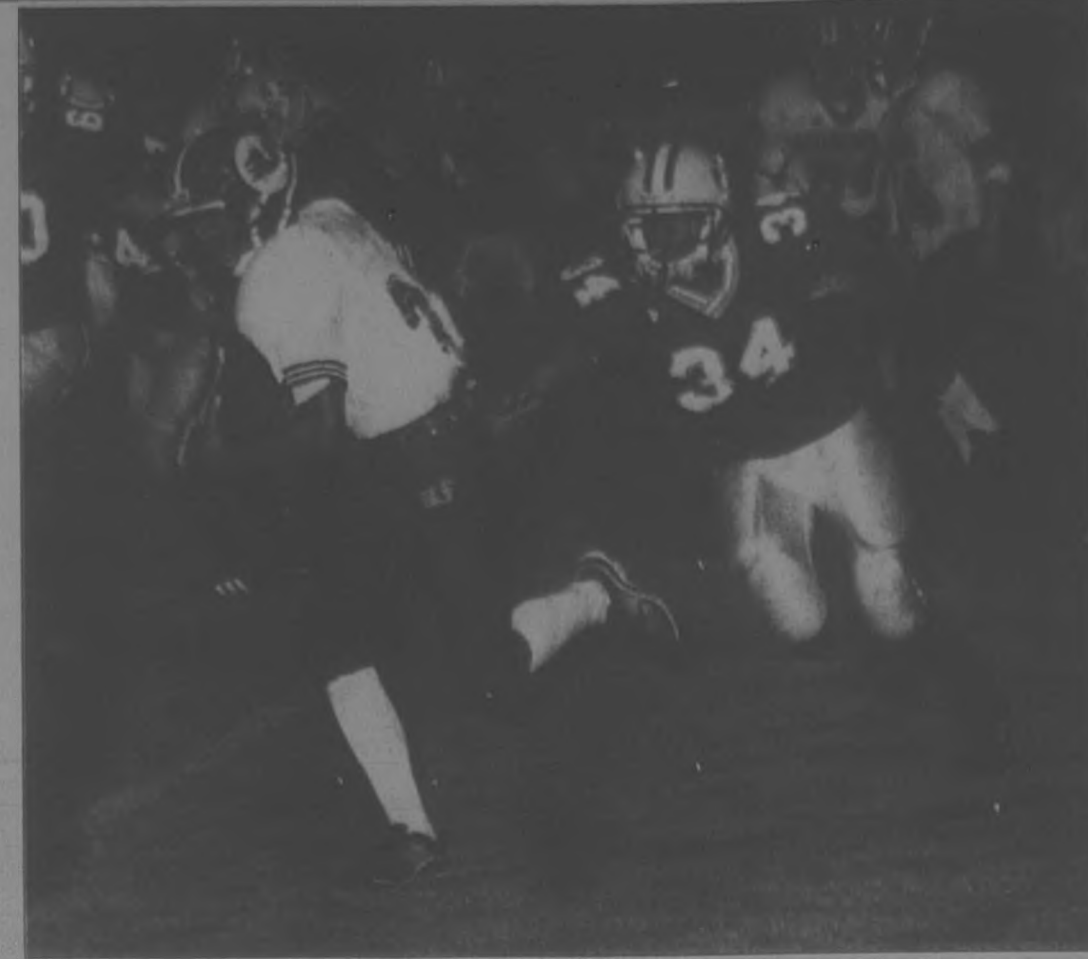
Samson began its last drive of the half at its own 20-yardline and finally gave its fans something to cheer about as the Tigers drove 80 yards to get on the scoreboard. Big gains on the ground and a long pass completion gave the Tigers a first down and goal inside the Kinston 10-yardline, and three plays later Raymond Laster carried the ball into the endzone from three yards out for a Tiger touchdown. Kinston's Shawn Brantley recovered a fumble to stop a two-point conversion, and at the half Kinston went in with a 24-6 advantage.

Samson got back on the scoreboard on its first possession of the second half by driving 54 yards after a Kinston punt. Samson's Raymond Laster had three big runs to move the football inside the Bulldog 20, while passes to Chris Brasswell and Ryan Tice gave the Tigers a first and goal the Kinston 2-yardline. Laster got the call and the touchdown on the next play, and also added the two-point conversion, as Samson cut the Kinston lead to 24-14 with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Kinston's defense rose to the challenge after the second Samson score and forced turnovers on the Tigers' final three possessions of the game. Chad Bedsale ended one Samson series with his second interception of the night, while J.T. Wiggins came up with a key fumble recovery deep in Kinston territory, and with 1:56 left on the clock Shawn Brantley intercepted a Samson pass near midfield to put the wraps on the big Bulldog win.

Coach Gary Glass was pleased with the running of Cole Meeks and Jerome Ball, who led the Bulldogs with 115 yards on 16 carries. Garrett Parker was impressive leading the offense and completed two passes in six attempts, both for touchdowns. Coach Glass also gave credit to the offensive line for its blocking and to the defense for its tough outstanding effort.

The Bulldogs will return home Friday night to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels in a cross-county clash. Kick off will be at 7:00 PM.



**HEADED FOR A BIG GAIN...**A New Brockton running back heads outside for a big gain in the Gamecocks' 34-7 romp past Florala. Friday night the Gamecocks will host Geneva County in a must win region contest.

## Gamecocks romp past Wildcats 34-7

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaid

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted an impressive road win and upped their record to 3-2 Friday night with a 34-7 smashing of the Florala Wildcats, in Florala.

The Gamecocks went up 27-0 at the half and never looked back to cage the Cats. Tyler Simmons had another big night running the football as he gained 133 yards on 22 carries, and also pulled in a 17-yard touchdown pass from Derrick Cook. Cook was perfect on the night as he hit on both passes he attempted for 32 yards and one touchdown. Brandon Owens also had a big night with 94 yards rushing on 5 carries, including a 54-yard touchdown run. Tanner Medley led the way on defense with 9 tackles.

Florala received the opening kickoff and put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline after the kick sailed out of bounds. On the Wildcats' second play from scrimmage Robby Evans rolled out to his left looking to pass, but was hit hard by the Gamecocks' Tyler Simmons and fumbled. Brandon Owens scooped up the loose ball and raced 37 yards for a New Brockton touchdown. Owens

also added the extra-point and with 10:32 left in the opening quarter the Gamecocks were off and running with a quick 7-0 lead. New Brockton got the ball back on a Florala punt, and this time it was the Gamecock offense that would put points on the scoreboard. Junior Magwood got the call on the third play of the possession and broke loose on a 54-yard touchdown dash. Owens added the extra-point, and with 9:19 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks owned a 14-0 advantage.

Florala began its next possession at the New Brockton 45-yardline after the kickoff went out of bounds after traveling only five yards, but the Gamecock defense was again up to the task and came up with a



**GAMECOCK DEFENSE...**New Brockton's defense kept Florala out of the endzone for all four quarters in last week's big road win over the Wildcats.

big play when Derrick Cook intercepted a Wildcat pass at the New Brockton 11-yardline.

The Gamecock offense returned to the field and promptly set sail for the endzone on a long 89-yard drive that ate up almost seven minutes off the clock. The long scoring drive consisted of 13 plays and was capped off by a 4-yard touchdown run by Justin West. Owens tacked on the extra-point and with 2:38 remaining in the second quarter New Brockton had upped its lead to 21-0.

New Brockton began its next possession at its own 46-yardline after a Florala punt, and on the Gamecocks' first play from scrimmage Brandon Owens broke loose around the left end and raced 54 yards for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but at halftime the Gamecocks went in with a big 27-0 advantage over the stunned Wildcats.

New Brockton began the second half on offense and had no trouble adding to its lead as Derrick Cook hit Tyler Simmons with a 17-yard touchdown pass on a fourth down and seven. Owens kicked the extra-point and the Gamecocks were on top 34-0 with 8:31 remaining in the third quarter.

## STATISTICS

| NB     | FL            | F     |
|--------|---------------|-------|
| 17     | 17            | 6     |
| 56-385 | Rushes-Yds.   | 16-61 |
| 32     | Passing Yds.  | 75    |
| 417    | Total Offense | 136   |
| 22-0   | Passes        | 5-162 |
| 1      | Fumbles Lost  | 1     |

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 4**

Pleasant Home at Luverne

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Brantley at Elba

(5-0) ARITON AT  
(5-0) BRANTLEY

The region title could very well be on the line Friday night in Brantley when the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs host the undefeated Arton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs opened the season with a big 33-7 win over 3A Elba and have improved weekly in rolling to five straight wins, and the "Dogs know that they must win this week if they want to defend their region title. The Purple Cats, under veteran coach Julius Head, have been the surprise team of South Alabama this season and will bring a perfect 5-0 record into the game after posting wins over Wicksburg 38-28, Florala 24-6, Kinston 26-0, Zion Chapel 43-7 and Geneva County 28-20. The fact Arton's victims have a combined record of 3-21 has caused doubt in the minds of many as to just how good the Purple Cats really are. One thing is for sure. Friday night everyone will get the chance to find out.

(0-5) ZION CHAPEL AT  
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The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to make it two straight wins on the season Friday night when they host the Zion Chapel Rebels, in the renewal of a cross-county rivalry. The Bulldogs shook off the effects of

reced, but the Bulldogs are also 1-2 in region play and are playing to keep their own playoff hopes alive as well. The Bulldogs' win was a region contest against Wicksburg 20-12, while their losses have come to Geneva 24-0, Slocomb 42-12, G.W. Long 22-8 and Arton 28-20. While their record may not scare anybody on their schedule, the Bulldogs are much better than in years past, and could prove to be a hand full for the Gamecocks.

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## SPORTS

## Second quarter explosion lifts Brantley Bulldogs past Highland Home 35-6

Story by Greg Branson  
Photos by Janet Branson

Last season the Brantley Bulldogs lost only two regular season games, one to Elba and the other Highland Home. The Bulldogs got their revenge over the Tigers back in the season opener, and Friday night they evened the score with the Flying Squadron as they exploded for 35 points in the second quarter and then coasted in with a convincing 35-6 victory.

The first four possessions of the game ended in punts. However, Brantley gained valuable field position on each of the three exchanges and on the fourth punt Jamyal Jones returned the kick 20 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Flying Squadron 21-yardline.

It took Brantley six plays to cover the distance into the endzone, with Channing Spivey scoring the touchdown on a one-yard sneak. The score came on the first play of the second quarter on a fourth down and one situation, and after a roughing the kicker penalty Cedric Jones made the most of his second chance as he drilled the extra-point to put the Bulldogs on top 7-0.

Highland Home netted only seven yards on its next three plays and was again forced to punt. This time it was Devaris Skanes that returned the punt, as the speedy Bulldog headed back up field 23 yards to put Brantley in business at the Flying Squadron 41-yardline.

Brantley needed seven plays to get back into the endzone on the 41 yard drive that was made longer by 20 yards in penalties. A 25-yard pass from Channing Spivey to Jamyal Jones was a key play in the scoring march, while Devaris Skanes went the final four yards for the touchdown. Cedric Jones booted the

extra-point and with 6:40 left in the half the Bulldogs owned a 14-0 advantage.

Highland Home gambled on a fourth down and one at its own 29-yardline on its ensuing possession, but the Brantley defense swarmed over the Flying Squadron's Jeremy Robinson on the fourth down play, and made the big stop to give the ball back to the Bulldog offense.

This time it took Brantley seven running plays to add to its lead, with Jamyal Jones getting the final two yards and the touchdown. Cedric Jones added the extra-point, and with 2:12 remaining in the half the Bulldogs were on top 21-0.

Brantley got the ball back at the Highland Home 29-yardline after a short nine-yard punt, and this time needed only one play to get back into the endzone. Channing Spivey dropped back and found Jamyal Jones all alone at the Flying Squadron 5-yardline, and Jones pulled in the Spivey pass and walked into the endzone for Brantley's fourth touchdown of the quarter.

Brantley's lead stood at 35-6.



**Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) pulls away from a would-be Highland Home tackler and heads upfield. The Bulldogs will host Arton Friday night with the top spot in the region awaiting the battle of unbeaten.**

Cedric Jones hit his fourth extra-point of the game and with 1:30 left in the quarter the Bulldogs had grabbed a 28-0 lead.

Highland Home took a short kickoff and raced down to the Brantley 23-yardline. The Flying Squadron was hoping to put some points on its side of the scoreboard before the end of the half, but got shot down once again as on third down Brantley's Channing Spivey stepped in front of a Jeremy Robinson pass and returned the interception 97 yards for the Bulldogs' fifth touchdown of the second quarter. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point, and with 1:11 still left in the wild second quarter Brantley was in command with a 35-0 lead.

Highland Home received the second half kickoff and marched 80 yards in 10 plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 30-yard pass from Robinson to Tony Menweather with 5:28 remaining in the third quarter, but the extra-point try failed, and Brantley's lead stood at 35-6.

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Brantley threatened to add to its lead late in the game, but turned the ball over at the Highland Home 14-yardline, and at the final horn the Bulldogs had the win 35-6.

Devaris Skanes paced the Bulldogs' ground attack with 70 yards on 13 carries, while Jamyal Jones added 33 yards on six carries and Channing Spivey gained 29 yards on eight tries and completed 5 of 7 passes for 58 yards. Jamyal Jones pulled in three passes for 61 yards.

O.D. Bryant led Highland Home with 64 yards on 10 carries.

## STATISTICS

| B      |                | HH     |
|--------|----------------|--------|
| 11     | 1st Downs      | 7      |
| 33-158 | Rushes-Yds.    | 28-99  |
| 58     | Passing Yds.   | 105    |
| 216    | Total Offense  | 204    |
| 5-7-0  | Passes         | 6-21-1 |
| 140    | Return Yds.    | 69     |
| 1      | Fumbles Lost   | 0      |
| 4-30   | Penalties-Yds. | 4-37   |
| 2-36   | Punts-Ave.     | 4-18   |

## Mack gets two wins in SAS action

By Mark Chisam

Teddy Sasser led early but couldn't hold off the hard charging Anderson.

Anderson started in the rear for the second feature, but once again, Anderson charged to the front. After a lap 13 restart, Anderson blew by Bevis to take the lead. Anderson then held off Steve Butterick for the win. Sasser was third at the line with Harold Parker fourth, and Kip Whitehead fifth.

In this week's feature, the top of the Roadrunner class at South Alabama Speedway in 2003. Saturday night he collected his seventh and eighth winner's trophies.

It took Mack a week to pick up his seventh win of the season. Last week's feature was rained on nine laps into the event. The line up was held until this week and the remaining 11 laps were run under all green condition. Mack, who held the lead last week when the rains fell, led all 11 laps to take the win. Kim Bishop was closing at the end, but had to settle for second. John Singletary was third.

In this week's feature, the top of the Class 50 which featured drivers that had finished third or better during the year. Mack took his time, making his way to the second spot just before the half way point. Sam Smith took the early lead and enjoyed a big lead by the time Mack had cleared the rest of the field. But Smith had a problem beginning to surface. Each time he entered a turn, sparks flew from his right front tire. Smith was able to hold Mack off for several laps before his tire finally blew on lap 38. Mack took over the lead and once again held off Bishop for his second win of the night.



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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Brittany Cooper  
& Alex Allen

### VICA takes a field trip

by Karrie Copeland

On September 11, 2003, members of the VICA club, faculty, and administration went to Talladega County to take a tour of the Honda Plant in Lincoln and the Talladega Super Speedway.

The first stop was at Honda Manufacturing of Alabama. The plant is 1.7 million square feet and is planning to expand in 2004. The plant makes an average of 150,000 vehicles and engines annually. The plant has all associates there do not get treated any different than the president of the company. The manufacturing plant stays very clean.

The next stop was the Talladega Super Speedway. The students toured the museum while waiting on the tour of the track. They walked and viewed different honors and cars through the years. The track tour lasted about 25 minutes. They got numerous facts about the track and got to see people test drive racecars around the track.

It was an interesting trip to see how people working together can achieve a very successful product. Lurleen B. Wallace Community College sponsored the trip through the Tech Prep Program.

### VICA officers elected for 2003-04 year



by Alex Allen

2003-2004 VICA Officers include: President - Meredith English; Vice-President - Rebecca English; Secretary - Natasha Brooks; Secretary - Karrie Copeland; Reporter - Beverly Boutwell; and Parliamentarian - Ceaira Smith.

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### Success of Elba band begins in fifth grade

by Mary Katherine Head

Each year a new group of fifth graders at Elba Elementary is introduced to the band class setting by participating in the fifth grade band. This class teaches the students many basic instrumental skills and prepares them for the more advanced playing in the high school band.

The band's first program was held at the P.T.O. meeting on Monday, Sept. 29.

The members of the band are as follows: Nikita Anderson, Ahmad Bilal, Haley Bryan, Katelyn Calhoun, Lindsey Canley, Sydney Crittenden, Jesse Dodd, Cournee Diggers, Keyawne Gavin, Chance Gosby, Keira Hammonds, Kelsey Horstead, Amber Hudson, Brittany Hudson, Paige Jones, Kendal Mackewitz, Michael Martin, Molly McGuire, Ruthmary Merklin, Kelia Miller, Hannah Morgan.



Elba Elementary School's fifth grade band

Isaac Nelson, Morgan Oglesby, Jessica Orr, Kayla Parks, Brian Robinson, Courtney Rugg, Heather Simmons, Priscilla Simmons, Chastity Slenker, Lindsey Smith, Alexis Tillis, Sarena Turner, Amber Walker, and Bethany Wilson.

### E.E.S. Student Interns

by Anna Harrison

Ms. Abbie Beck graduated from Geneva High School, Geneva, AL.

She has dreamed of being a teacher since she was in Kindergarten. So she pursued that dream and is attending Troy State University.

She was always the student who liked to give all the instructions. She loves working under Mrs. Pam Mitchell in the second grade and says it has definitely been a wonderful learning experience.

Mr. Glen Johnson graduated from Elba High School and is currently attending Troy State University. He will be graduating in December 2003.

Mr. Johnson has always wanted to be a teacher and a coach.

He is an intern under Coach Bill Rayborn. He has also enjoyed working with Coach Stephanie Brunson, Coach Frank Phillips as well as the rest of the faculty and students at Elba Elementary.

He loves sports and children so he's really having a great time. Mr. Johnson also said he really loves living in Elba.

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Glen Johnson

### Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Driggers

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is shining on Miss Leanna Tutley.

Leanna is the 17-year-old daughter of Larry Tutley and Lisa. She is employed at Southern Country Realty as a secretary.

Leanna is a senior and is involved in Student Council, Elba High School Ambassadors, and the Lady Tigers Varsity softball team. In her spare time she enjoys having fun with her friends.

Congratulations Bit on a job well done!

Keep Up the Good Work!



Leanna Tutley

Keep Up the Good Work!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Ayonna Procter)... Tah-dah!!

### School to Career Partnership presents EHS with office equipment

by Meredith English



Susanne Hanscom and Terri Dunn, representatives of the Coffee-Covington-Geneva School to Career Partnership, made the presentation to Ingrid Clark and Martha Crawford, representatives of the Elba High School business education department. The School-to-Career Partnership also recently presented a computer and printer to the Elba High School library to aid students in finding a possible career choice.

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### Elba Elementary School Menu

October 6 - 10, 2003

#### BREAKFAST

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Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - School Holiday - Nine Weeks Break

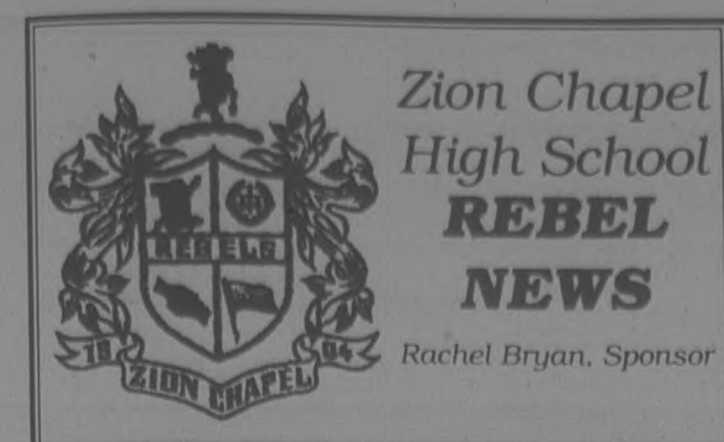
#### LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
Tuesday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Chocolate Cake, Milk  
Wednesday - Meatloaf, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
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Zion Chapel High School  
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### Fall Festival set for Oct. 30

Zion Chapel School will host the annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 30. The festival will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. The Fall Festival King and Queen will be crowned at 8 p.m.

The festival will be held on the campus of Zion Chapel School. Events include the traditional events—cake walk, fish pond, bingo—and some new events as well—moonwalk and dunking booth. There will also be a dance.

### Family and Consumer Science class learns to set table

Before you cook a meal you need to know how to set the table for that meal. That's what one class of Family and Consumer Science is learning. Mrs. Joan Hobbs is their instructor.

A table setting should include the correct placement of dinnerware, flatware, glass, ware, and linens needed for each person attending a particular kind of dinner. For instance if your menu included steak, baked potato, tossed salad, Texas Toast, strawberry ice cream and iced tea the place setting would include a dinner plate, a salad plate, a

### Zion Chapel welcomed several new faculty members this year

Mr. Mickey Jacobs teaches seventh and eighth grade science and physical education. He is a former member of the United States Air Force and has taught at Seminole County High School in Georgia. In Alabama he has taught at Kinston High School and Goshen High School.

Mr. Jacobs and his wife Teresa have two children, Aron who is 14 and Marley who is 7. His home town is Arton, and he graduated from Arton High School. He has a BS degree from Troy State University in biology and physical education.

Mr. Bobby Hartwell, a native of Opp, Alabama, comes to Zion Chapel by way of Denton, Texas. Mr. Hartwell is Zion Chapel's new assistant principal. He has 38 years of experience as an educator.

Mr. Hartwell earned a high school diploma from the Covington County Training School before going on to Alabama State University in Montgomery for his BS degree in secondary education. He earned a master's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He earned a certification in administration from Texas College in Denton, Texas.

Mr. Hartwell has two children, Edwin 32 and Rolonda 34. He also has a very new grandchild.

Mrs. Lori Caldwell comes to Zion Chapel as a resource teacher in special education after working at Pathway for three years. For three years before that she was employed at the Opp Middle School.

Mrs. Caldwell is a native of Opp and graduated from Opp High School. She attended college and earned a BS degree in mild learning disabilities and a MS degree in guidance and counseling.

She is married to Chris Caldwell and they have two children, Caleb and Clay. A new baby is due in March.

Mr. Harry Lees teaches Social Studies in the eighth through tenth and twelfth grades. He is also head football and softball coach.

They will serve on the yearbook staff for the coming year.

Mr. Lees comes to Zion Chapel from Pace High School in Pace, Florida. Before that he was at Escambia High School in Pensacola, Florida, Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Alabama, and Oak Grove High School in Bessemer, Alabama. He has worked as a teacher/coach in all his teaching assignments.

They are Mr. Lees' hometown and he graduated from Charles Henderson High School. He earned a BS degree from Troy State University in secondary education and social science.

He and his wife Beth have two children, Mary Katherine

who is 6 and Carter who is 18 months.

Shelly Motes is the band director at Zion Chapel. She also teaches elementary music in grades K-5. Mrs. Motes has a Bachelor of Science in music education. She is originally from Sylacauga where she graduated from B.B. Comer Memorial High School. Her work experience includes Director of Bands at Luverne High School and Advancement Specialist at Troy State University-Montgomery.

She and her husband Greg have two children, Hunter who is 16 and Halston who is 10.

Mrs. Alisha Odom is a first-year teacher who teaches eighth, ninth, and twelfth grade English at Zion Chapel. Her hometown is Florida, Alabama, and she graduated from Florida High School.

Mrs. Odom has a BS degree in secondary language arts education from Troy State University and is working on a Masters in library media at Alabama State University.

She and her husband Daniel have no children.

Mrs. Kyra Cardwell from New Brockton, Alabama, is the new Zion Chapel secretary/bookkeeper. She graduated from Enterprise High School before going on to college to earn a BS degree in business administration. She worked at Dobbs Eye Clinic for five years and for R. Bryon Thompson, CPA for one year.

Mrs. Cardwell and her husband Jeremy have one child, Kasady, who is 2 1/2 years old.

Mr. Jeremy Thomas comes to Zion Chapel for two periods to teach Spanish I to ninth graders and Spanish II to tenth graders. He has an Associate's degree in arts and sciences of education and a BS degree in music education. He has a certification in Spanish.

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WELCOME TO ZION CHAPEL!!!

### ZC students "mix it up" on Fridays

In order to promote school spirit and make things a little more interesting and fun for Zion Chapel students, the cheerleaders have conducted a variety of activities on Fridays.

These activities have included TWIN-DAY where two or more people dress just alike, either in normal dress or in some kind of outlandish dress. There were girls who put their hair in pig-tails and drew mustaches on their faces. Even teachers and staff members got into the act.

Mrs. Wanda Bucklew and Mrs. Alicia Odom were dress as twins as were Mrs. Lori Caldwell and Mrs. Kyra Cardwell.

Another day was called MIX-UP DAY and the object was to "mix-up the Gamecocks." People who participated mixed their clothes until there were some pretty funny sights.

MIXING IT UP...Jackie Cowart has stripes going two different ways. Rosanna Jones wears two different plaids, and the Lindsay Leverett wears stripes and plaids together.

Lee Boutwell watches a line of freshmen as they have their picture made for the yearbook.

They will serve on the yearbook staff for the coming year.

Mr. Lees comes to Zion Chapel from Pace High School in Pace, Florida. Before that he was at Escambia High School in Pensacola, Florida, Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Alabama, and Oak Grove High School in Bessemer, Alabama. He has worked as a teacher/coach in all his teaching assignments.

They are Mr. Lees' hometown and he graduated from Charles Henderson High School. He earned a BS degree from Troy State University in secondary education and social science.

He and his wife Beth have two children, Mary Katherine

who is 6 and Carter who is 18 months.

Shelly Motes is the band director at Zion Chapel. She also teaches elementary music in grades K-5. Mrs. Motes has a Bachelor of Science in music education. She is originally from Sylacauga where she graduated from B.B. Comer Memorial High School. Her work experience includes Director of Bands at Luverne High School and Advancement Specialist at Troy State University-Montgomery.

She and her husband Greg have two children, Hunter who is 16 and Halston who is 10.

Mrs. Alisha Odom is a first-year teacher who teaches eighth, ninth, and twelfth grade English at Zion Chapel. Her hometown is Florida, Alabama, and she graduated from Florida High School.

Mrs. Odom has a BS degree in secondary language arts education from Troy State University and is working on a Masters in library media at Alabama State University.

She and her husband Daniel have no children.

Mrs. Kyra Cardwell from New Brockton, Alabama, is the new Zion Chapel secretary/bookkeeper. She graduated from Enterprise High School before going on to college to earn a BS degree in business administration. She worked at Dobbs Eye Clinic for five years and for R. Bryon Thompson, CPA for one year.

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BUGS, BUGS, BUGS...Cortney Dykes, Heather Sanders, DJ Stinson, Shae Manning, Rosanna Johnson, and Lindsay Leverett are the sophomores who have completed a bug collection project.

Collecting 50 different bugs and displaying them on some type of board is the first project completed by tenth-grade biology students. They are instructed by Mrs. Jackie Jinnright.

These students have had eight weeks to collect the 50 different bugs and their bug collection counts three test grades. Because it counts three test grades the project becomes a major part of these sophomores' first nine weeks grade.

The bugs are secured to a Styrofoam-type board with a straight pin. A collection label is also attached with the same pin. The collection label contains information about the place, date, and person who did the collecting. Another label is attached to the board and this label is called a determination label. The determination label identifies the name/order of the bug, the date the bug was identified, and who identified the bug.

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Ground breaking date set

## New diagnostic lab project gets greenlight

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The long-awaited announcement of a ground breaking for the new diagnostic lab building has arrived. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:30 a.m., according to a joint announcement Monday afternoon by Elba Mayor James Grimes and representatives of

Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks. The building will be located immediately behind the existing J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab.

The two and a quarter million dollar project has received final approval, and the construction bid was let to a Headland construction firm, R. & S. Construction. Basic funding for

the facility is with bond issue money approved by Alabama voters several years ago. An additional \$700,000 of funds were received from the federal government, through the efforts of the Alabama legislative delegation, led by Senator Richard Shelby and actively supported by Senator Jeff Sessions and Representative Terry Everett.

## Swearing-in held for board of registrar members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Three Coffee County residents began a four year commitment to the county Wednesday morning, Oct. 1, after being sworn in as members of the Coffee County Board of Registrars.

Gil Kelley, Robert Hooks and Fay McCrary each accepted an appointment to the board of registrars, and will serve until Sept. 30, 2007.

The official swearing-in ceremony was held last Wednesday at the Coffee County Courthouse - Enterprise building, and Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill delivered the oath of office.

Kelley began his third term as a member of the board and was recommended by the Coffee County Republican Committee. He was appointed to the board by Governor Bob Riley.

Hooks entered his second

term on the board and was recommended by the Coffee County Democratic Committee. His appointment came from Ron Sparks, Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries.

McCrary, the new member to the group, also received recommendation from the Coffee County Republican Committee. She was appointed by State Auditor Beth Chapman.

The board members said they were happy to receive the appointment and ready to get to work.

The Coffee County Board of Registrars office is located at the county complex in New Brockton, and the board oversees voter registration within the county, as well as, keeping the voter data base current.

The upcoming year will be a busy one for the board of registrars as it will be redistricting the more than 22,000 Coffee County voters. This falls in line with the new district lines drawn by the county commission following the 2000 Census report, and voters will be notified of this before June 2004.

For more information on becoming a registered voter or to update any voter information, call the Coffee County Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

## Olean Smith proud to be involved with Habitat for Humanity

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It is hard to believe nearly a year has passed since Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County helped make one Elba resident's dream become a reality, but Olean Smith has not forgotten the blessing she received.

It was Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002 when Smith received the keys to her new home, and 10 months later she said it still feels new to her.

"I'm still enjoying it," she said. "And, I appreciate all the help I received from the people here in Elba and Enterprise."

Being a home owner is something Smith said she had always hoped to become, but as she got older, she began to wonder if she would achieve it. Through the assistance of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Smith's family became the second Coffee County family to realize that dream.

"Everything turned out just fine," Smith said. "It's a good feeling to become a home owner."

She credits the people involved with Habitat for Humanity with helping her understand that good feeling.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity has been stated to be the elimination of sub-standard housing in the world one house at a time, and it provides an opportunity for someone to become a homeowner when they otherwise would not be able to do so.

Before becoming involved with Habitat for Humanity, Smith lived in an apartment with the two grandchildren she is raising, and she said the grandchildren love having a home with their own backyard to play in.

"I often ask them if they want to go back to the old apartment," Smith said. "They quickly say no."

As for the people of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Smith said they will always have a special place in her heart, and she often thinks about each and every one of them.

"Habitat for Humanity is a

nice thing to participate in, and I wish everyone could own their own home," she said.

Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County is currently working to build its third home in Coffee County and continues to rely deeply on the assistance of the community through donations of labor and money.

The home under construction is being built in Enterprise; however, the organization hopes to one day build additional homes in Elba, and Smith said she looks forward to having fellow Habitat home recipients as neighbors.

The celebration of Elba's 150th years reaches its climax this weekend as the final events will be held during a weekend extravaganza.

It's hard to believe the year of events will end soon, but "Celebrate Elba 150" committee members assure the best is yet to come.

This full weekend of fulfilled events will begin Friday, Oct. 10, as citizens are reminded to wear their "Celebrate Elba 150" t-shirts for the all day festival day.

Activities begin early Friday morning when the First Baptist Church plays host during a Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. Next, the business industry of Elba will be recognized through a Business and Merchants Appreciation Expo on the downtown square from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event will allow local businesses to exhibit their goods and services for the community. It also allows the community to meet those who serve them while learning a bit more about what is available in this area.

Saturday, Oct. 11, is probably the most anticipated event of the year as a festival and parade will



**COLLISION SENDS TWO TO THE HOSPITAL**...Emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 1, at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Whitman Avenue shortly after 4 p.m. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered that a 1989 Ford Festiva, driven by Mary Catherine Barnes, age 48, of Elba, had collided with a 1984 Honda Accord, driven by Dawn Elizabeth Merklin, age 38, also of Elba. According to reports, Barnes was attempting to make a left turn off Whitman Avenue with her view obstructed by traffic stopped in the roadway on Claxton Ave. When she attempted to make the left turn, her vehicle was struck by Merklin's vehicle. Merklin was traveling southbound on Claxton Ave. at the time of the accident. A passenger from each vehicle sustained injuries from the collision, and they were transported to Elba General Hospital for treatment by Coffee County EMS. The accident was investigated by Elba Police officers Neal Bradley and Kevin Wise.

## Coffee County youth get up close and personal with animals during 2003 Farm City Week Petting Zoo

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Excitement filled the air at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton last week as children throughout Coffee County visited the 2003 Farm City Week Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits.

The purpose of Farm City Week is to build relations between the agricultural and urban areas," said Stan Windham, Coffee County

extension agent. "We originally began the petting zoo so children would have an opportunity to learn where their food comes from."

He said often times a child knows what ham is, but he/she may not realize that the meat comes from a pig. A goal of the petting zoo is to give them a better understanding of such things.

The petting zoo is sponsored by the Coffee County Extension Agency, and the agents do admit

the event is more fun than learning; however, the children are given an opportunity to learn the difference between animals.

Approximately 1,000 children were expected to visit the petting zoo this year including all public schools in Coffee County, as well as most of the private schools.

Also taking time to visit were several daycares, nursing homes and other special groups.

As Farm City Week nears, there will be more and more activities held throughout the county where those who work daily in the agricultural industry join forces with those who work in the urban industry.

One such event is planned for Thursday, Oct. 9 (TODAY), when the Farm City Swap will have agriculture and industry switching roles in Elba as those participating will split time between Dennis Smith farms and Dorsey Trailers.



**Students in Mrs. Allona Vaughan's kindergarten class at Elba Elementary School listen intently as they learn about the many things produced from honey bees. The Elba students visited the petting zoo on Thursday, Oct. 2, and enjoyed seeing the many animals including the baby chicks, pigs, cows and goats.**

## "Celebrate Elba 150" events conclude this weekend

be held. Entertainment, crafters and much more will fill the streets of downtown Elba leading up to a special ceremony beginning at 11:30 a.m.

This ceremony will consist, in part, of recognizing those individuals or family members of individuals who have made significant contributions to the City of Elba either through business and commerce or by acting as ambassadors for the city.

The festival will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a huge Sesquicentennial parade, and anyone interested in participating is asked to call Jimmy Harrison at 897-8591 for an application.

The grand finale of the year-long celebration will come Sunday, Oct. 12, with a Sesquicentennial Reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street, a community-wide church service and The History of Elba play, both at the Elba High School auditorium. The reception will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the chamber office while the community-wide church service and play will begin at 6 p.m. at

the high school auditorium. The play, which has been written and will be performed by Elba City School students, will immediately follow the church service.

## Area Happenings

**THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues this week as the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Phenix on Thursday, Oct. 9. On Friday, Oct. 10, the Elba Tigers will host the Straughn Tigers, the New Brockton Gladiators will host Shocomb, and the Brantley Bulldogs will host the Kingston Bulldogs.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information, call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334-308-2724.

**PARENT VISITATION NIGHT** will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at both Elba Elementary School and Elba High School. Parents may visit the elementary school from 3:30-8 p.m. while the high school visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. For more information, please see the Tiger Times page (Page 6).

**THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON** will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the New Brockton Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will continue throughout the day, and it should be fun for the entire family. There will be no admission charge to attend this event; however, donations will be accepted.

### NOTICE

**Flu Clinics at the Coffee County Health Department will be held Monday, Oct. 20 & 27 and Monday, Nov. 3 from 9-11 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. Patient must bring Medicare card if they wish for Medicare to be billed; otherwise, the cost will be \$5.00.**